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SUBJECT: VON KARMAN INSTITUTE

REF: (A) USNATO 08019 (B) STATE 012331

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT A MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE VON KARMAN INSTITUTE (VKI) HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS THE LONG-TERM COST-SHARING FORMULA FOR THE VKI BUDGET FOR THE THREE ACADEMIC YEARS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1978.

2. WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UK FROM THE VKI BEGINNING WITH ACADEMIC YEAR 1978/79, THE LONG-TERM COST-SHARING FORMULA PROPOSED THAT BELGIUM WOULD INCREASE ITS PERCENTAGE TO 42 PCT TO ABSORB THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE UK'S PRESENT PERCENTAGE. THE US SHARE WAS RAISED FROM 11.7 PCT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1977/78 TO THE MAXIMUM OF 12 PCT (REF B), ALONG WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY, TO ABSORB THE BALANCE. THE PERCENTAGES FOR ITALY, PORTUGAL AND GREECE ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

3. IN REF A WE REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION OF THE AMOUNT
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TO BE PAID BY THE US FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1977/78 AND OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE COST-SHARING PERCENTAGE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US REP AT THE SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING STATE THAT THE 12 PCT SHARE AND ITS PROJECTED EQUIVALENT IN US DOLLARS FOR THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM COST-SHARING FORMULA FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 1978-81 IS UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR
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